

Related Applications

B' This application claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-223194 filed on July 25, 2000 in Japan. The contents of the aforementioned application are hereby incorporated by reference.

REMARKS

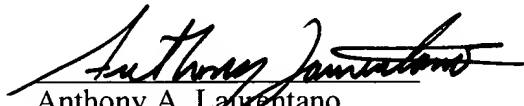
Preliminary to examination of this application, please insert the aforementioned paragraph at the beginning of the specification. The above amendment introduces no new subject matter.

Entry of the foregoing Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is in order and requested.

If there are any questions regarding the proposed amendments to the application, we invite the Examiner to call Applicant's representative at the telephone number below.

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